

EASTER SEALS OF BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY



On September 15, Rose Ann Day-Dunlap became Easter Seal's new Executive Director, and she hasn't stopped since. How is her 24-hr. work week spent? Assess client needs, repair/deliver/pick-up hospital beds and nebulisers; fundraisers, Board recruitment; budgets and bill paying, community awareness/membership drives, ornament sales/delivery/ promotion and referring those she cannot help because of lack of funds, equipment and time.

"I have BIG plans to expand the home health equipment loan program and to provide camp sponsorships for disabled children similar to the efforts of Paul Stacker and Maynard

Noll in the '50's and '60's. It's doable if the community steps forward." How?

- . Volunteers to help with deliveries, lift chair and electric scooter repair/maintenance; data entry and storage inventory.
- . Additional private funding through corporate, community and individually-sponsored programs. (In 2004 a local family financed an air conditioning program to help place AC units in the homes of those with medical necessity. That funding is depleted.) "I'm hoping others will provide funding for similar programs, whether it's hearing aid batteries, light-weight or children's wheel chairs, Depends or blood pressure monitors. Special requests and interests of the donor are limitless."
- . Special Grants to provide a 40-hour work week or an additional part-time position.

"Unfortunately, with current budget and funding restraints, we are limited in the equipment and financial assistance we can provide."

Easter Seals is a small United Way agency. We loan wheelchairs, walkers, hospital beds, bedside commodes, shower seats and other durable equipment to be used as long as needed by the client. We do not charge any fees but depend upon community financial support and equipment donations. We accept cash donations, new and used home health equipment, children and adult disposable diapers; all of which can be delivered to the United Way building, 1531 13th St., Suite 1110.

Our MISSION: Easter Seals of Bartholomew County offers durable medical equipment and financial assistance to help individuals and their families gain greater independence.

Criteria for assistance:

1. Resident of Bartholomew County
2. Low income or few financial resources
3. No insurance coverage or need has been denied
4. Prescriptions from Dr. required for hospital beds, rolling walkers, CPAP and nebulizers. .

"We depend heavily upon our collectible ornament sales. Ornaments can be purchased at the Visitor's Center, Art in the Heartland and YES Cinema and Conference Center."

"We also share in the proceeds of Pamela Dinsmore's 2008 Columbus, IN Calendar for \$12.95 and Visitor Guide for \$15.00." These can be purchased at my office and Art in the Heartland. We appreciate her generosity!

Mail your donation today to Easter Seals of Bartholomew County and 100% of your tax-deductible gift goes directly to Bartholomew County residents.

For donations and volunteer opportunities: 812-314-2899 **GET INVOLVED**